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SPOILING A SCHEME.

The crowd grew thicker every moment until it became almost impossible to move in the ballroom. The charity on account of which the entertainment was being held was a popular one; some great ladies had taken the thing up and made it a success. And as many of the men and nearly all the girls were in fancy dress, the scene was striking and brilliant.

Among the Henrietta Marias, the Amy Robarts, Flora McDonalds and other characters that filled the rooms, one girl's face took my heart captive the moment I beheld it. She did not look more than seventeen, though she may have been a year or two older, fair, slender, with sunny hair, and to represent the Snow Image of Hawthorne's charming fantasy; and the character suited her style of beauty admirably. She was pale as the snow which that crowned her head, and she seemed almost as fragile as the icicles that were her only ornaments.

The girl's beauty was, indeed, remarkable. People turned and looked at her as she moved here and there; and when she stood still she was surrounded by a small crowd of men eager to get their names put down on the programme. I noticed, however, that there was a sad, abstracted look in her eyes. Her heart was not in the ball room.

In spite of all my efforts, I failed to get an introduction to the girl who had fascinated me. I failed even to learn her name. But none the less, I had fallen in love with her—like a fool. I had fallen in love with a stranger—a vision that in all likelihood would never see again, but would be for me a fleeting and unsubstantial as the Snow Fairy whom she represented.

There was one other person at the hall who attracted my attention. This was a tall, dark man, with a thick, short, black beard, a man considerably over the middle height, and evidently possessing a strong will as well as a powerful body. More than once this man approached the Snow Fairy, and on each occasion she seemed to me to shrink from him as if she in some way feared him. They were evidently connected, but what the relationship between them was I could not be sure, for the man seemed too young to be her father. Surely, I said to myself, with a jealous pang, surely he cannot be her lover.

The whole scene was a perfect picture of the thing I had dreamed of in some indirect way, an introduction to the girl who had fascinated me, but I was quite unsuccessful. Once her eyes met mine. What she read there I do not know, but she suddenly turned aside, her pale cheeks showing a sudden glow of rose color. Vexed with myself for making her blush, I turned away in the opposite direction, and I took care not to approach so near to her again.

The evening wore on, and it was evident that my ambition was not to be gratified. About a clock I left the ballroom and, muffled in my thick ulster, was making my way along a side street which led to the main thoroughfare, where hansom cabs were to be found, when I heard a rush of flying feet behind me. I turned, and there, close to me, stood the Snow Fairy, a white operatic cloak wrapped around her from head to foot and her sweet, sad face looking out at me from within a hood of swansdown.

I stood and stared, too much surprised to think or form a conjecture. "Is there a letter box near?" she gasped out, for she was breathless, as much from excitement, it seemed to me, as from exertion of running. "Oh, please, please tell me. Where shall I look for one?" she went on, without giving me time to collect my thoughts.

"I don't know where the nearest letter box is," I replied, "but I can easily find out. If you will entrust your letter to me, I will see that it is posted."

"No; I cannot; I dare not trust it to any one. Do try to find out for me—"

The words died away on her lips, for she, as well as I, had heard the noise of some one running up to us, and the next moment the man with the short, black beard stood over us. Rage knotted the veins on his forehead until they seemed to be near bursting. Rage, for the space of two seconds, kept him speechless. During those two seconds the girl crept perceptibly closer to me, and something smooth, stiff, like a piece of thick pasteboard, was pressed into my hand. I slipped it at once into the pocket of my ulster.

"What are you doing here?" he said to the girl, in a tone of suppressed rage; and before she had time to answer he turned savagely upon me. "How dare you to speak to my daughter?" he demanded, advancing on me in a slow, threatening manner. I had just time to see a look of mute supplication in the girl's eyes. She was entreating me not to betray her.

"Really, sir, I said with as much coolness as I could command, "really, you must pardon me for saying that you seem a little less than reasonable. One is permitted to speak to a young lady at a ball."

"In the open street? In this clandestine manner?"

"We were not in great privacy, to be sure, but that might be urged in mitigation of the offense," I said with a smile.

"You shall not hoodwink me. What was it she was saying to you when I came up?"

"If I had been guilty of an indiscretion the fault is mine, and I am ready to answer it; but you cannot expect me to repeat what trifles I may have permitted myself to say to the young lady, whom, I fear, I may not have an opportunity of meeting again. No gentleman would be guilty of such a thing; nor, I am sure, would you, if you had been in my place."

That by the man's face that I had achieved my object, I had led him to believe that there had been nothing more than a little foolish flirtation between the young lady and myself. He asked the girl's hand, tucked it under his arm and marched off.

"As for having an opportunity of meeting her again, I will take precious good care that you don't," he threw at me over his shoulder.

Alas! there could be no doubt about it. And the letter, I have no doubt that it was a note to her lover. It seemed just a little hard that, anxious as I was to serve her, this should be the particular service required of me.

At the first pillar box I came to I took out the missive she had given me. It was her programme for the evening. A dainty little folded bookcase, and secured at the edges by a number of postage stamps stuck all around it. It was stamped with a penny stamp, and addressed in pencil. Of course, I had no business to read the address. I knew that well enough. It was, perhaps, an ungentlemanly thing to do; but then my curiosity was greatly excited. I hoped that the name pencilled on the back of the programme might be that of a woman. But I was disappointed. By the light of a gas lamp I read:

"Immediate, Arthur Bellingham, esq., Furnival's Inn, Holborn, E. C."

Bellingham? Bellingham? I seemed to know the name. For a minute or two I stood trying to remember whom it was I had once met that owned it, but in vain. What did it matter? The affair was at an end. I dropped the envelope into the letter box and went home to my lodgings.

A few months later I was strolling along Oxford street. I heard my name called and looking up saw Arthur Bellingham standing before me. I recognized him at once—a young engineer whom I had met once in a country inn on a wet day in the lake district. We had been capital friends for a week, and I could not understand how I had forgotten him when I had tried to remember what Bellingham I had known.

gramme to you one night on my way home from a ball."

My friend sprang up and wrung my hand as if he would wring it off. "My dear fellow," he cried, "I am infinitely obliged to you for your tact and kindness on that occasion. If you had not posted that note it would have meant ruin to me. Maud told me how awfully good you were about it."

"Maud? Do you mean—?"

"Maud, my sister—the girl who slipped the note into your hand."

"Is she your sister?"

"Certainly she is. It's rather an uncommon story. Shall I tell it to you?"

"If you don't mind. I confess I am burning with curiosity."

"The fact is, that some three years ago my poor mother, who was a widow, did what turned out to be a very foolish thing—she married again and married without making proper inquiries. My step-father, Mr. Maddock, turned out to be a very bad egg. My mother lost the greater part of her fortune when she married him, and we were for a time practically dependent on my mother's uncle, an eccentric old gentleman, rather fond of money, called Hoddinson."

"Maddock is neither more nor less than an adventurer, and for a long time it was the main business of his life to exploit my great uncle. At last he nearly succeeded. Maddock and some friends of his got hold of a bit of land in South Africa, which they wanted to sell as a gold mine. I don't believe there was an ounce of gold on the premises. But my great uncle said that he would buy it at the high figure they asked for it, if I would go out and see it, and send him a private telegram advising him that the gold was there in paying quantities."

"Of course, I was ready to go, and I was to have sailed the very morning after the night of the ball that you and Maud attended."

"Well, Maud happened to be in the conservatory attached to the ball room, and she overheard two men talking behind some flowering shrubs and heard every word they said."

The two men were Mr. Maddock and one of his associates, and she heard enough to make her understand that the thing was a fraud, and that I was to be made the means of their swindling Uncle Jonas on a large scale. I believe the plan was that they should send a false telegram to the old man in my name days before I could even see the pretended mine. One thing I know—if the thing had come off, Uncle Jonas would never have forgiven me. He would have believed to his dying day that I had been swindled. You may imagine what a state Maud was in. She—"

The door opened and Maud herself walked into the room.

It seemed that her step-father had treated her so harshly on account of her having spoiled his schemes that she had been forced to leave his house and take refuge with her brother.

For some time the old man refused to believe that the reason Arthur gave for not going to Africa was the true reason, but in time he came round, and both brother and sister are now a good deal at his house. I go there occasionally myself, which is not surprising, as Maud and I have been engaged for the last six weeks—Cassell's Saturday Journal.

AN ENGLISH OPINION

Of Bryan's Speech—Says it is Full of Financial Heresies.

LONDON, August 13.—The Westminster Gazette in its financial article this afternoon refers to the speech made yesterday evening in Madison Square Garden, New York, by Mr. William J. Bryan and says:

"Mr. Bryan's speech will certainly not increase confidence in the minds of investors. It is replete with financial heresies and will cause investors everywhere to desire to withdraw their money from the United States while they are able to obtain gold in payment for debts. Should the free silver party be elected gold will undoubtedly be driven out of circulation and a substantial premium would at once be demanded by those possessing it."

We do not believe that individual Americans will take advantage of the political dishonesty proposed by the Democratic convention, whereby even existing contracts calling for payment in gold will not be valid when free coinage is carried. It is, however, certain that railroads owing large amounts of debts would, with the premium on gold, be unable to meet the interest obligations temporarily at any rate, and would be forced to pay some of their debts in currency or become bankrupt. The fear of such a contingency renders it extremely difficult to sell any but the highest class of American railway bonds at the present time.

Still, it is hoped that the Eastern electors appreciate the dangers ahead and will support the candidates pledged to maintain the gold standard otherwise we are likely to witness a crisis of unequalled severity.

"On the stock exchange Americans opened weak, owing to strong disapproval of the speech."

The Boy Orator Explains.

NEW YORK, August 13.—Hon. William J. Bryan explained to-day to a representative of The Associated Press his reasons for reading his speech in reply to the notification of his nomination at Madison Square Garden. He said: "Knowing that it would be printed in full, I thought it more important that it should reach in correct form the millions who will read it than that the delivery should please the few thousands who were present. It is always unfortunate when a speaker is compelled to read a political speech, but in this instance, I thought it best not to risk the errors which always creep into the report of an extemporaneous speech."

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SOME POINTED HUMOR.

Kentucky Coal Operators Show Up the Middle-class Claims of Silver Mine Operators—For Sound Money.

The Louisville Courier-Journal (Dem.), has the following: The coal mine operators of Kentucky held a meeting in this city yesterday, and, after transacting the business for which they had assembled, they resolved themselves into a special session to consider the financial issue. Nearly all the large mines in the state were represented.

After mature deliberation, and by a unanimous vote, a call was issued for a national convention of coal mine operators, to be held in Chicago on September 30, for the purpose of formally demanding that the government issue 12 certificates for each load of coal dumped on the government. In the following call they give figures to show that it would bring the desired financial relief four times quicker than the first coinage of silver:

A call for a convention of the owners of coal mines in the United States, to be held in Chicago, September 31, to consider the following:

Whereas, The silver mine owners of the country have called on the American people, through the Popocratic and Populist parties, to pass laws, whereby the product of the silver mines can be coined into legal tender at twice its market value; and

Whereas, The entire product of the said silver mines is but sixty-four million dollars per year; and

Whereas, The reason given for this demand by said silver mine owners and the members of the great Popocratic and Populist parties is that more money is needed in the country; and

Whereas, The coal mines of the United States produce yearly one hundred and seventy-eight millions of tons of coal that sell for an average of \$1.08 per ton; and

Whereas, The owners of the coal mines, believing that the silver mine owners, under the constitution, have no more rights and privileges than themselves; therefore,

Resolved, That the government of the United States of America issue to each coal mine owner a certificate for two dollars for each ton of coal mined, each certificate to be legal tender for all debts, public and private.

Resolved, That the coal mine owners, who are patriotic and liberal citizens, realizing the need of more money for themselves and for the country, believe that this method will put into circulation about four hundred millions of dollars yearly thereby relieving the necessities of the coal mine owners and the people nearly four times more rapidly than can possibly be done by the owners of the silver mines.

Among the mines represented were the Helms, Crabtree, Monarch, Providence, Hecla, St. Bernard, Carbondale, Central Coal and Iron Company, McHenry Coal Company, Guy Dean Company, Louisa Colliery, Hillsdale and Greenville.

No one will have any trouble in recognizing this call for a coal convention, as a very clever bit of humor, at the expense of the silver inflationists, but it is really a matter of importance, for it was prompted by a realization of the ridiculousness of the silver scheme. It shows what the mine operators think of it.

And as for the miners—the laborers in the mines—the operators gave assurance that they had carefully canvassed the sentiment among them and had found that they were not going to support Bryan.

Mr. J. B. Atkinson, President of the St. Bernard Coal Company, which employs 1,000 men in its Hopkins county mines, said: "Nine hundred of the thousand miners employed by us are for sound money, and are going to vote only for sound money candidates. A majority of them are Republicans and not a single one of them is going to bolt the Republican ticket. I say not a single one, because I have canvassed the mines with a view to learning the sentiment among them."

THE FRUIT CROPS.

Apples and Grapes are Satisfactory, but Peaches Are Short.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 14.—The agricultural department August report of fruit conditions is as follows:

Apples—The general condition advanced during July from 64.6 to 65.7 a gratifying indication of sustained crop prospects. This general average covers all kinds of apples, early and late in all sections of the country, commercially important or unimportant as producers, and the state percentages must be used to determine the outlook for particular commercial supplies.

Notwithstanding a general condition of 64.6 on July 1, which was low as far as crop the country over was concerned, it was specifically stated that "prospects for excellent crops" continued in states of the northern belt of Maine to Minnesota, and in Iowa, with fair but comparatively smaller crops in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana. In the present report a very general betterment is shown in that region. Correspondents confirm their earlier judgments as to quality, and add gratifying information as to the prospective high quality of the fruit. The condition is very spotted in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, many counties reporting entire failure, while others report abundant crops which accounts for the somewhat lower condition of those states.

It seems hardly necessary to inform those interested in the apple trade that the chief source of supply of winter or keeping apples, is this northern conditions which both July 1 and August 1 were in the main high. To show clearly what these conditions mean a weighted average for the thirteen states included has been computed. This stands at 82.6.

In the past a final condition of 75 per cent or over has been followed by an abundant supply of apples, so that the excellence of the crops of the present season, in this particular and extensive region, is plainly evident. In other parts of the country, with a few exceptions, conditions are low.

Peaches—Present returns show generally reduced condition. Of the commercial states the best prospects still are found in Delaware, Michigan, Ohio, and Maryland, while in New Jersey, Virginia, Georgia and California percentages indicate less than half a crop. In Delaware the early crop was nearly ruined by curculio and "yellows" and fruit on the trees is badly stung there and in Maryland, though a fine prospect is expected from the mountain orchards of the latter state. In the Michigan and Ohio excellent crops are indicated.

Grapes—The condition of grapes is generally high. Some complaints are made of rot due to excessively moist season, but seemingly not extensive enough to much affect the general condition.

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